English 9 Expository Essay Rubric

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Below Grade 9 Level of Performance				
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() NY () LA () SA () IN () MA	PROCESS 105 Plan-Outline is complete			
Meets or Exceeds Grade 9 Level of Performance				
()NY()LA()SA()IN()MA	FOCUS 201 Paper is focused on proving thesis and the thesis explains, applies, analyzes, and/or evaluates 202 Topic sentences of each body paragraph clearly state the key point 203 Concluding sentences of each body paragraph clearly explain how each key point proves the thesis FORM 204 Bold and centred section headings 205 Double spaced, Times New Roman, size 12 206 Left-aligned paragraphs 207 First-line indents 208 Introduction and Conclusion have their own paragraphs 209 Opening and closing roadmaps state the key points 210 Introduction and conclusion explain why the thesis matters 211 Paper is written in your own words	Converting to Invisible Grade Skill Inv. Level Grade Score NY 0 LA 50 SA 50 IN 50 MA 50		

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()NY()LA()SA()IN()MA	PROCESS 301 Paper has been revised and edited over multiple drafts to meet criteria (paper and pencil	Converting to Invisible Grade
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() NY() LA() SA() IN() MA () NY() LA() SA() IN() MA	FORM, FILLER, AND FLOW 508 Every element is essential 509 Key points build on each other. Early points provide a logical foundation for later points. 510 Connections between points are explained clearly and impactfully (this showcases your understanding of the topic) 511 Possible counter-points are acknowledged and refuted 512 Sources are constructively evaluated 513 References section is formatted as an annotated bibliography 514 No spelling, grammar, or other formatting errors FEELING 515 Captivating to read (for outstanding: memorable as well)	